

I am appalled at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is but one example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This does not entail forcing local stations to air one-sided propaganda. This is why I am tired of my local public airwaves being taken over by big consolidated media giants that slant the news and information to fit their own agenda. This has led to insubstantial "news" coverage and little local information. I often have trouble getting real news about local issues, because centralized media stations play pre-taped programs, sometimes without live human beings around.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.